

Second Congregational Church of Greenwich

Conversation, Celebration, Community - Of Faith

May 16, 2019

Dear Friends of Second Church,

Yesterday, Rev. Shawn and I attended the Women's Fellowship luncheon at the Water Club — a bright interlude from a(nother) rainy spring day here in Greenwich.

Kathy Singleton passed the gavel after three years as the President of Women's Fellowship, and while that work is hard to “sum up” in any single year, it's even harder to know what to say after *three*.

But she reminded us all of the power of our relationships with one another as something that's close to the heart of what it is to be Christian.

As I've continued to think about that, it occurs to me that while we often talk about church as a site for making friends — or about the church as a community of people — we find it much easier to remind ourselves that communities make Christians rather than challenge ourselves to name how Christians are supposed to make communities.

Kathy's right to say that while fellowship is important for every one, what makes Women's Fellowship (and “makes” a church) is something deeper: a specifically *Christian* form of being friends.

I think we all know that just because people are “friends at church,” this doesn't mean that they've yet become “Christian friends.”

Anyone who's worked in an office knows that there can be a big difference between “work friends” and, well, *actual* friends. When Liz and I got married, and the number of seats where we were marrying was limited, I was surprised to see how easily I could pare down my list of work friends to invite. Although I'd never given it much thought, my heart knew the difference quite well.

Don't our hearts know the difference between people whose company we just kind of enjoy, and the people so close to us that our lives would not seem like ours without them?

I think Christian friendship is something closer to that second kind — a deep connection, for starters, but with a spiritual component that is part of that connection. We might be very different in any number of ways, and yet something connects us, such that it makes sense when they show up when we're at the hospital, or say they're praying for us in a way that feels utterly natural and entirely right, even among people as private with their faith as we so often are.

Women's Fellowship is a place here at 2CC where that kind of friendship is shared, and just as importantly, learned. Even the most ardent believer still grows into it, and even the latest arrivals have time to make progress if they decide to take it seriously.

Kathy's words should remind us all to think about who it is in our lives that teaches us to live more faithfully...and how.

Meanwhile, I hope all of us will give thanks for Women's Fellowship and for the Christian friendships that teach so many of us what the abundant life Christ promises us might look

like.

See you in church,

Max

If you would like to hear past Sermons you can find them on our website: 2cc.org

Coffee Hour – there is a sign-up sheet in Fletcher Hall for those who would like to bring baked goods for “Sunday Morning Coffee Hour.” We recommend that you bring approximately four dozen bite-size items. The church will continue to supply fruit and beverage.

You can also sign-up via email pam@2cc.org.



In June, we will recognize graduates from all high schools, colleges and universities, as well as professional schools, diplomas, bachelors, masters, doctorates and certificates of course completion. We want to recognize and thank God for those who have put the effort into their education.

Please email Gloria at gloria@2cc.org with the name of the graduate and with the information concerning any future educational or professional plans that graduate might have, no later than Wednesday, June 5.

Upcoming Events

Greenwich Moms' Group

**Moms' Group
Tuesday at
9:30 a.m.**

June 4

**Moms' Night
Thursday at
7:00 p.m.**

**May 16
June 13**

Contact jessica@2cc.org for more information

[Click here to Email Jessica](#)



SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
TENT WEEKEND

JUNE 7-9, 2019

Stay tuned for more details...



Boccherini Fandango Guitar
Quintet
Prasad Raman, Hindustani
violin
Jonathan Russell, classical
and pop violin

May 19
3 pm

2nd
Congregational
Church of
Greenwich

HILLTOP MUSIC
COLLECTIVE
PRESENTS:
A FUNDRAISING
CONCERT FOR
AUTISM
AWARENESS

All proceeds will
be donated to
Abilis of
Greenwich



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Coming this Summer...



join us!

**TAKE ME OUT
TO THE BALLGAME**
2CC GAME DAY AFTER CHURCH

Mets vs. Tigers
Sunday, May 26th
Gametime is at 1:10

We'll meet at the church at 1145am
and carpool to the game.

RSVP
Cost is \$65/ticket
Pay via cash, check, or card swipe at the church.
You can give your payment to
Rev. Shawn or put it in his church mailbox.



SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
GREENWICH, CT

**VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL
2019**

June 24-28

Ages 4-5th Grade
9:00 a.m. - noon daily

FOR MORE INFORMATION & SIGNUP PLEASE
VISIT 2CC.ORG OR
EMAIL: VBSCAMP@2CC.ORG

ROAR!
Life is Wild • God is good

[Click here to RSVP to the Ballgame](#)

[Email Jessica for more information](#)



Performing Arts Camp 2019

JULY 8-12

Act I: 9:00-12:00 **Grades 1-4**

Movement for Kids, Group Singing, Beginning Improv, Two Small Group Lessons (per student), and Special Guests

Act II: 1:00-4:00 **Grades 5-12**

Improv Warm-Ups and Games, Musicals, Dance, Singing, Private Voice Lessons (15 minutes each, two per student). Audition Prep, Musical Theatre Show of the Day, and Special Guests

Finale: End-of-the-Week Showcase for Act I & II

Cost: \$300.00 for the week per student (Discounts For Siblings, Scholarships Available). All classes/activities take place at Second Congregational Church, 139 East Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT

For more information please visit 2cc.org

[Email Alexander for more information](mailto:alexander@2cc.org)